

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1215 GMT 03/2015Z Aug 59		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NE - SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver or gold obj, looked like jet fighter. Probably a/c. Had stubby swept wings, very little fuselage. Had straight level path faded out of sight. Appeared 60' NE; disappeared 60° SW.				11. COMMENTS	

15 Sep 59
FRICK PARK, PA

(FOI-3d/Maj Tacker/mhb/73

30 October 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 9 October 1959 requesting details on the Frick Park, Pittsburgh UFO found on 15 September 1959.

For your information, I am inclosing a copy of the ATIC report on this matter.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
Secretary, NICAP
[REDACTED], N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

TELEPHONE: NORTH 7-9434

CABLE ADDRESS:
SKYLIGHT

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:
1536 CONNECTICUT AVE., N. W.

October 9, 1959

Major Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Major Tacker:

This letter is written in request of further information concerning an object described as a high-altitude wind measuring instrument in a United Press International (UPI) telephoto of September 16, 1959.

The caption to the UPI telephoto reads as follows:

"IDENTIFIED - An Air Force captain today said this mysterious object is no mystery - its a high altitude wind measuring device. Capt. Dale Trombley said at Pittsburgh Airport that the thing had been attached to a balloon and sent aloft to measure winds. The balloon collapsed and the instrument fell into a Pittsburgh park, causing much consternation."

On September 16, 1959 and again on September 30th we wrote to the PIO at Greater Pittsburgh Airport requesting: the official designation of the instrument (title, Mk. no., etc.), the name of the manufacturer and some data as to the instrument's function and capabilities.

Since, according to the press release, the object had been positively identified and a photograph and description given to the public, we assumed that in seeking further details of the device the proper source to query would be the Air Force PIO at Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

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We have today received a letter, dated October 7, 1959, from the 758th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium(Reserve), USAF, Greater Pittsburgh Airport. This letter, under the subject heading of "Unidentified Flying Object", acknowledges our inquiries of September 16th and 30th and advises us that "all information concerning such objects will be disseminated through Major Tacker."

Until the message from the 758th we were not aware that the object was considered to be a UFO, otherwise we would have addressed our original inquiry directly to you.

If the object in question is not a UFO it is hoped that you will be kind enough to supply us with the information requested in paragraph 3(page-1) above.

If the object is a UFO, is it true that the Air Force now has tangible evidence?

Sincerely yours,


Secretary, NICAP

758TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, MEDIUM (RESERVE)
United States Air Force
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ISO

9 OCT 1959

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Major Tacker
SAFIC - 3d
Washington 25, D. C.

The attached letters are submitted, as directed, for necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Howard W. Garvin
HOWARD W. GARVIN
Captain, AFRes
Ass't Administrative Officer

2 Atchs
1. Ltr, 16 Sep 59
2. Ltr, 30 Sep 59

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1536 CONNECTICUT AVE., N. W.

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

September 16, 1959

Public Information Officer
U.S. Air Force Installation
Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Pennsylvania



Dear Sir:

In the caption to a United Press International (UPI) telephoto for September 16, 1959, a Captain Dale Trombley is quoted as identifying the pictured object as a high altitude wind measuring device.

Our Committee would appreciate it if you would give us the official designation of the instrument (title, Mark no., etc.), the name of the manufacturer, and some additional information as to the instrument's function and capabilities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary, NICAP

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

September 30, 1959

Air Force Public Information Officer
U.S. Air Force Installation
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Corapolis, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In our letter to you, of September 16, 1959, we requested some information concerning an object identified by a Captain Dale Trombley as a high altitude wind measuring device (United Press International telephoto of September 16, 1959, accompanied by caption).

Inadvertently, our letter was addressed to the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania instead of Corapolis, Pennsylvania. For this reason it may not have reached you as yet and as a precaution this letter is being sent in its stead.

We would appreciate it if you would give us the official designation of the instrument (title, Mark no., etc.) and if possible, the name of the manufacturer and some data as to the instrument's function and capabilities.

Thank you for whatever assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Secretary, NICAP

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753TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, MEDIUM (RESERVE)
United States Air Force
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

ISO

Unidentified Flying Objects

9 OCT 1959

Major Tacker
SAFIC - 3d
Washington 25, D. C.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

HOWARD W. GARVIN
Captain, AFRes
Ass't Administrative Officer

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2. Ltr, 30 Sep 59



FRICK PARK AREA, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
15 September 1959

On 15 September 1959 the Pittsburgh police investigated a reported explosion in the Frick Park area of the city. The explosion was reported to have occurred at 2400 on 14 September 1959. During the investigation the police discovered an unidentified object in the area of the reported explosion. The object was conically shaped, and the body was of polyethylene plastic, yellow in color. Three wires appearing like an antenna protruded from the top just below a red light. Attached to the side was a "U" bolt with two feet of 1/4" cable attached to it with 1/2" bolts. The weight of the object was twelve pounds. The object was burned around the edge of the base.

During inspection of the object attempts were made to open it without destroying it, but this proved impossible. Under the plastic coat, which averaged 1/2" in thickness, was a thin sheet of aluminum with the same general contours. Contained in the aluminum were the following items, all embedded in a glue-like substance which was used to fill the interior:

- a. Hilco Huntlite lantern battery container with switch.
- b. Steel pipe (threaded both ends) 2 1/2" long and 1 3/4" diameter.
- c. Eight Ray-O-Vac flashlight batteries (four in the battery container).
- d. Two mercury switches.
- e. Tiny atom 1/2000 horsepower electric motor (Wilson's of Cleveland).
- f. Transformer (Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation, Boonton, N. J.).

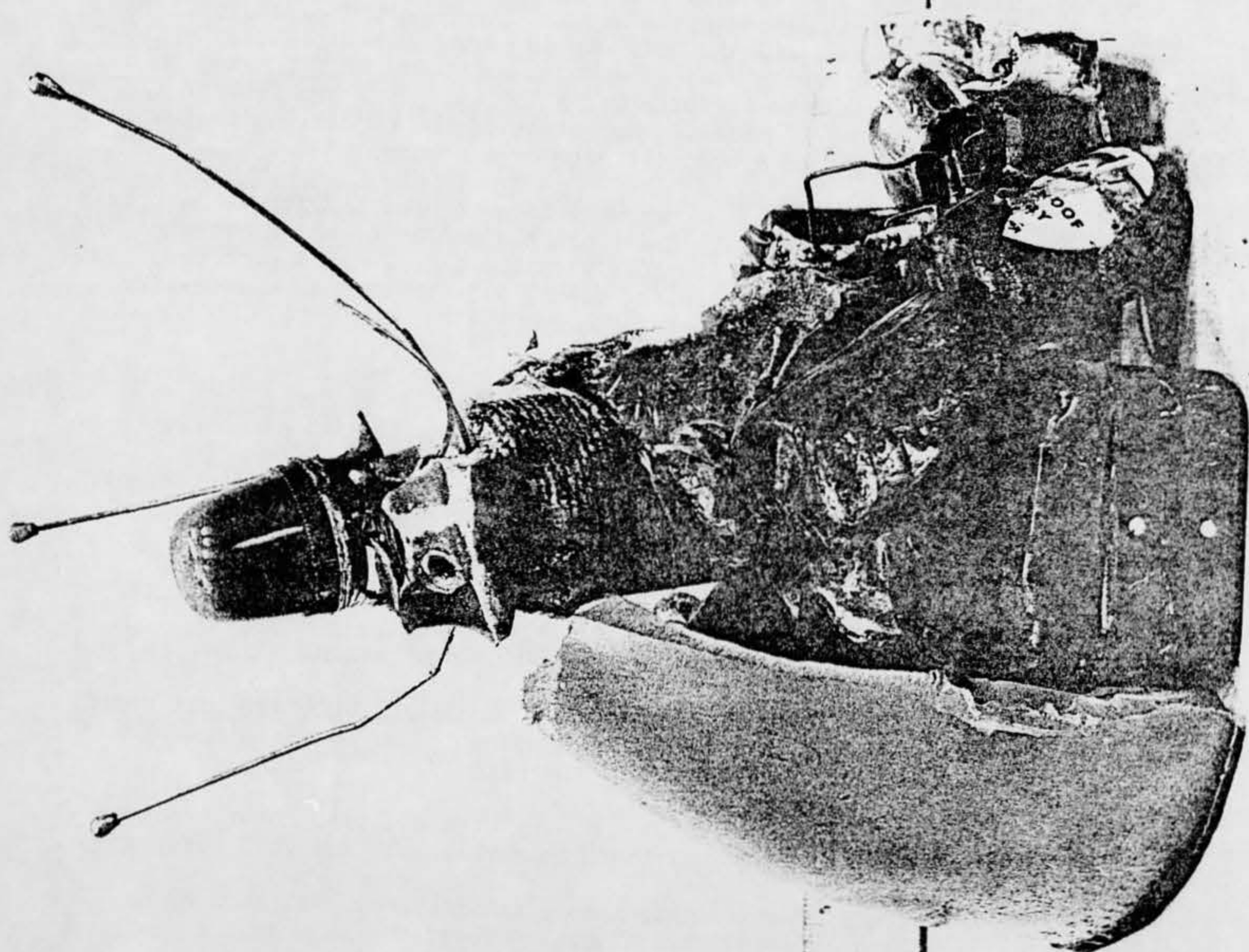
The batteries, mercury switches, electric motor, and light bulb were all wired; however, the electric motor was not connected mechanically to anything. The antenna and transformer were not a part of the circuit.

Wilson's of Cleveland, manufacturers of the tiny atom electric motor, when contacted concerning the motor indicated that their chief outlets were hobby shops.

In view of the relatively great weight, inaccessability, overall lack of any productive function, and crudness this object is ruled out as a device designed to collect atmospheric data.

All evidence indicates that this object was not airborne at any time. An object weighing twelve pounds would, upon falling to earth from any appreciable altitude, have left an impression in the ground which would have been noticed during investigation. Further indication that the object had not fallen was the fact that the light bulb and fragile plastic cover were found intact.

It is the Air Force conclusion that this object and the explosion were all part of a hoax. The red light, flashed by mercury switches, and the whirring of the little electric motor were designed to create further mystery for the finder. Since this incident happened at the beginning of the school term, this was probably a prank of college students.



Report of a strange object rising in the sky at 1:05 a.m. CDT, Sunday, September 13, 1959, in Door County, one and one-half miles southeast of Gills Rock, Wisconsin.

I, [REDACTED], Route 1, Green Bay, Wisconsin, while on my parent's farm, notice the following strange object rising in the sky, accompanied by repeated blasts of noise, similar to a jet plane. I had planned on going fishing in the morning, and at this early hour I was picking night-crawlers. Suddenly there was a loud noise that immediately made me think of a jet plane in flight quite low to the ground. One difference in the noise was that this noise was pulsating, and seemed like it was rather close^{by} in the field. After 2 or 3 minutes, I noticed the strange object in the sky, rising at a terrific speed, straight up, rising higher and higher until it looked like a star. However, when I first noticed the object, the base seemed round with yellowish light, with eight blue lights on the outside, and five red lights located in the center. These red lights were about twice as big as the blue lights. No exhaust or jet stream could be seen. It took approximately ten minutes time for all this to happen. Mother and my wife both heard the noise while in the house. Mother looked out of the window to see what caused the noise. However, she was on the wrong side of the house and consequently could not see anything. The sky was clear. When I came into the house, I immediately set down and made a colored sketch of the object, on regular-size white envelop.

I am rather reluctant to make this report. Yet I know that I saw and heard something strange that I wish someone would explain.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
September 14, 1959.

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PART ONE OF THREE PARTS

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A. (1) STUBBY-VERY LITTLE FUSELAGE-SWEPT WINGS-TIP TANKS

(2) JET FITER LIKE A4D

(3) SILVER OR GOLD

(4) ONE

(5) NONE

(6) SHAPE SHOWN ABOVE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) SAW REFLECTION

(2) 60' NE

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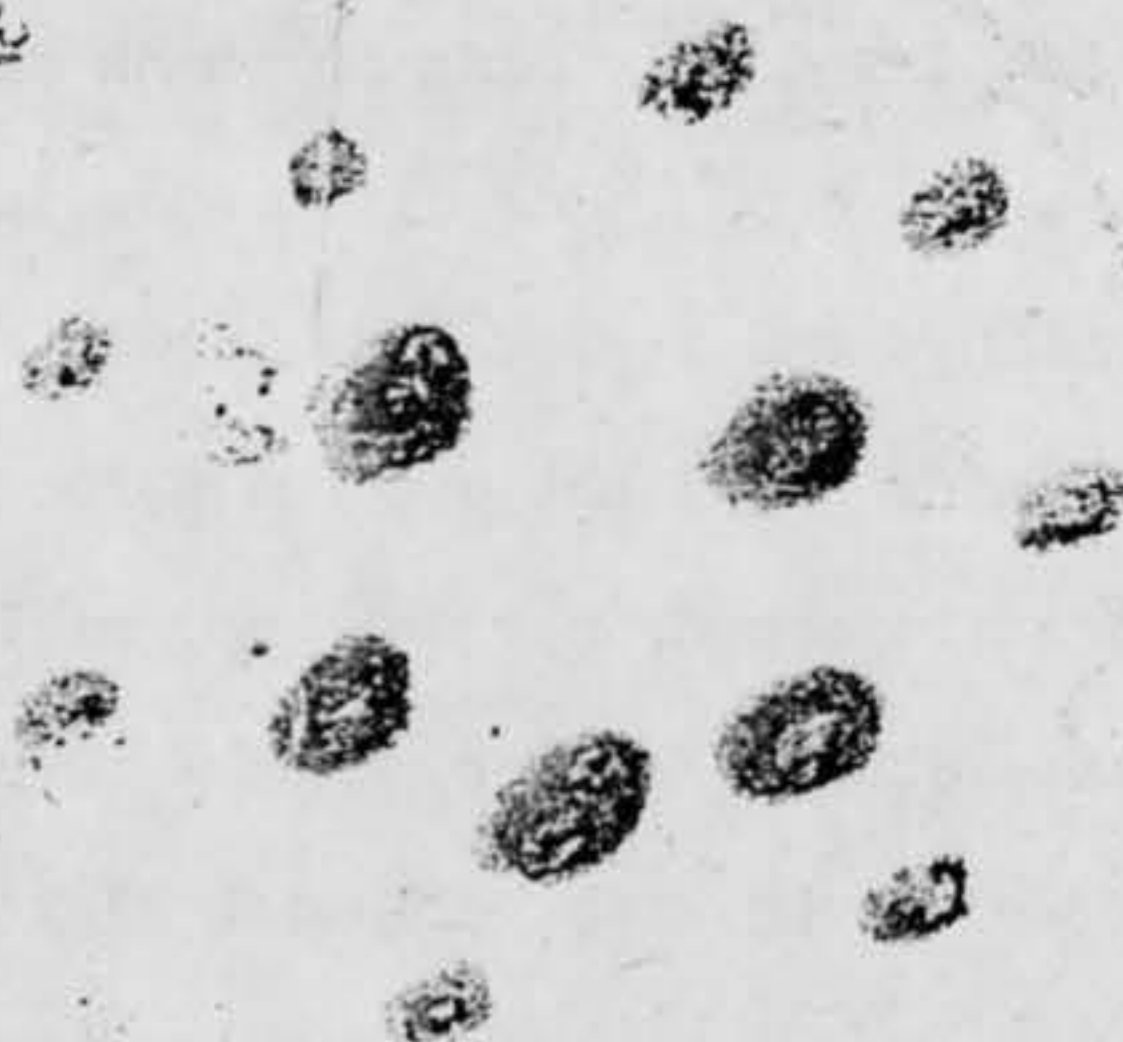
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5 min. past 1 A.M. C.D.T.

Sunday Sept. 13th

1959

More like jet,
only about 10 times
lander that kept
going on and off.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, USWB, Washington

DATE: 9-16-59

FROM : MIC, WBAS, Green Bay, Wisconsin

SUBJECT: Strange objects in the sky.

Reference: Attached report dated September 14, 1959, by Roland H. Daubner.

~~Office of~~
~~Met Research~~

The report on sighting of strange object in the sky by Mr. [REDACTED], Route # 1, Green Bay, Wisconsin, is forwarded for your information.

When making his report, Mr. [REDACTED] seemed to be quite sincere, with better than average intelligence. His age would be guessed to be in the upper twenties. Some time was spent in the army where he learned to recognize the sound of planes, and he now works in paper factory. His personal appearance was neat and clean.

Mr. [REDACTED] did not want his story publicized and claims he has not spoken about this object to anyone else, outside of his family. In discussing the story with the local City Editor, it was learned that this was the first he had heard of it, and up to this time the story has not been carried in the press.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
WASHINGTON

SEP 25 1959

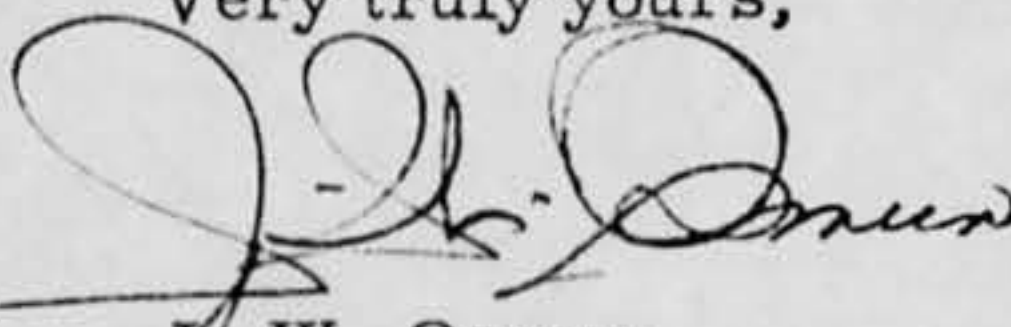
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AND REFER TO
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Commanding Officer
Headquarters ARDC
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a matter of possible interest to you, we are enclosing
a report submitted to our Green Bay Airport Station by Mr.
~~REDACTED~~ on the sighting of an unidentified object.

Very truly yours,


J. W. Osmun
Deputy Chief of Bureau

Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RDYIR/Maj Kenney/81174

25 NOV 1959

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: ATIC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 14b(1), AFR 200-2, 5 February 1958.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Laurence C. Sherman
LAURENCE C. SHERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence Support
DCS/Intelligence

1 Atch
Ltr frm Weather Bureau, O-4.23,
25 Sep 59 to ARDC, w/Office Memo
frm MIC, WBAS, Green Bay, Wis, 16 Sep 59,
w/statement frm Mr. [REDACTED], 14 Sep 59,
w/ drawing of object

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E4g

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (Mr. [REDACTED])

7 DEC 1959

TO: SAFOI-3d (Major L. J. Tacker)

Request that questionnaire be forwarded to Mr. [REDACTED] for further information on this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip G. Evans
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 14 Sep 59, from
[REDACTED]

11 December 1959

Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

This is to acknowledge your recent letter regarding the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 13 September in Door County, one and a half miles from Gills Rock, Wisconsin.

Your letter contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, request you complete the attached Air Force questionnaire in regard to the sighting and forward the completed paper to the AeroSpace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Route 1
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Reader OI-1

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

13 September 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1 5
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: on my Dad's farm out in the woods picking night
crawlers for fire.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

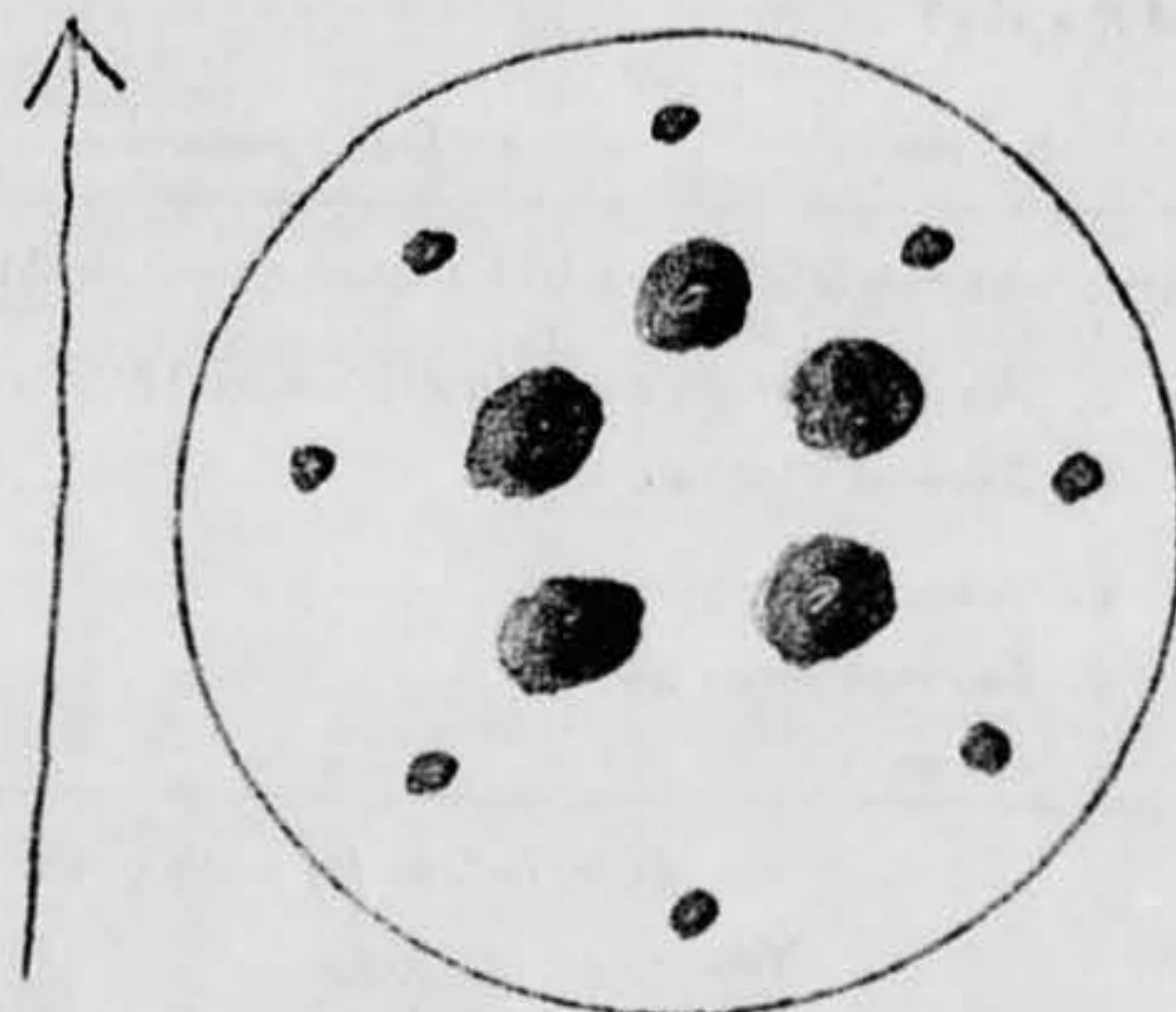
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

- a. Sound very loud pulsating noises.
- b. Color yellow, blue and red.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- ☒ a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☐ b. Like a bright star
 - ☐ c. Sharply outlined
 - ☐ d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

It went straight up.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

Don't know. feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball

k. Other very large

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? It went straight up until it was out of sight.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I saw only what I believe to have been the bottom of the object, so consequently, I have no idea what type of material it was made from, or what shape the rest of the object took.

What I did see was a round yellowish light, with eight blue lights just inside the ring which appeared about as bright as eight 300 watt blue bulbs. Inside the ring of blue lights there were five red lights, many times larger than the blue lights that appeared to flicker on and off.

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PART TWO OF THREE PARTS

(3) 60' SW

(4) STRAIGHT LEVEL PATH

(5) FADED

(6) 5 MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) BINOCULARS

(3) NONE

D. (1) 03/2015Z TO 03/2020Z

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was picking night crawlers, when all of a sudden there was a very loud noise which made me look.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. <u>East</u> | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- straight up.*
- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

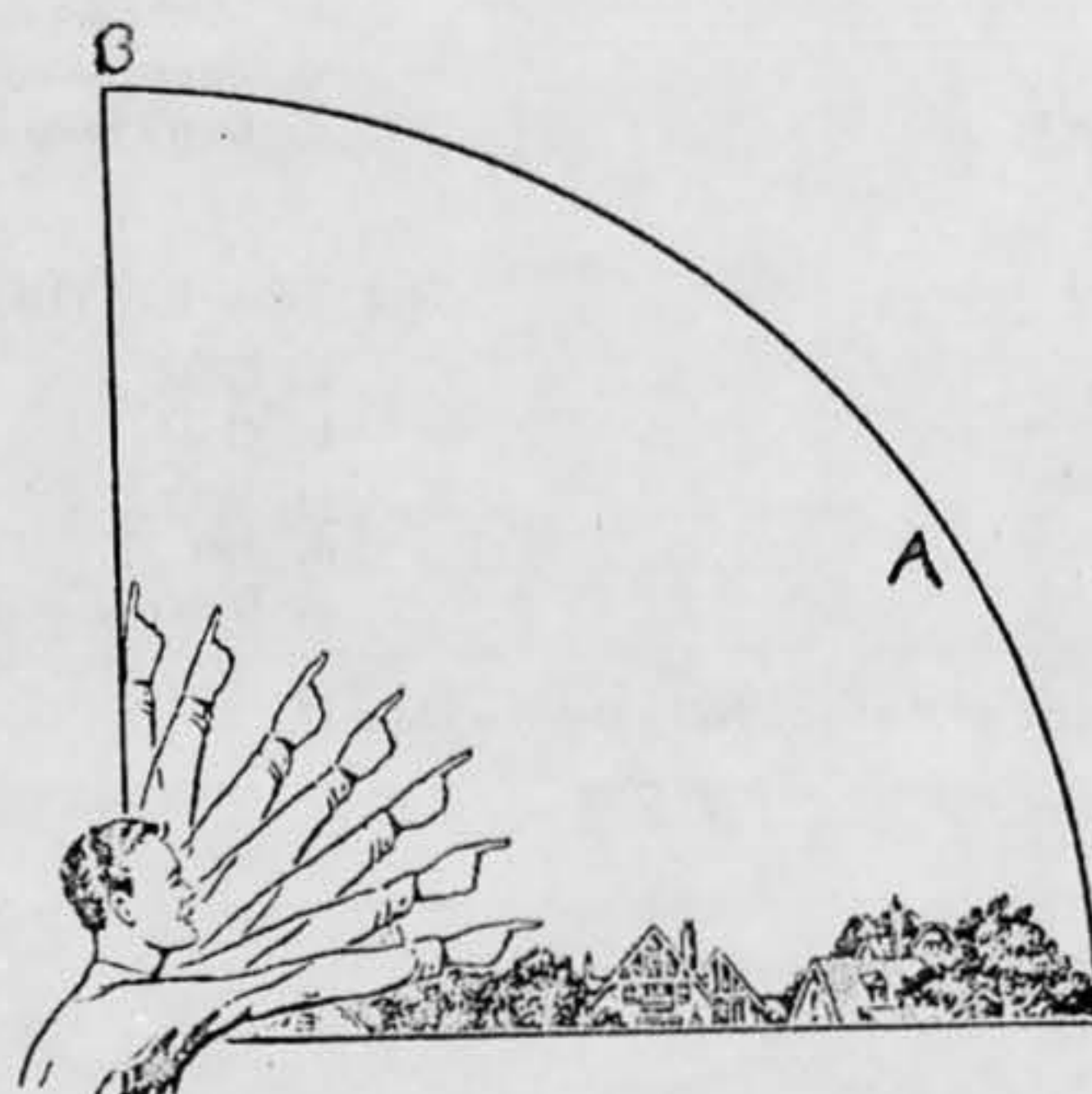
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

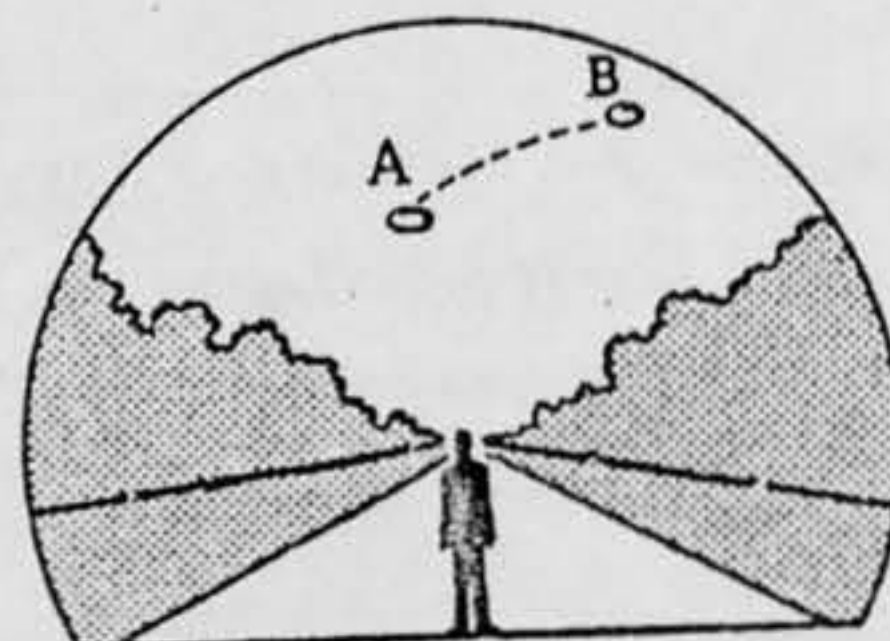
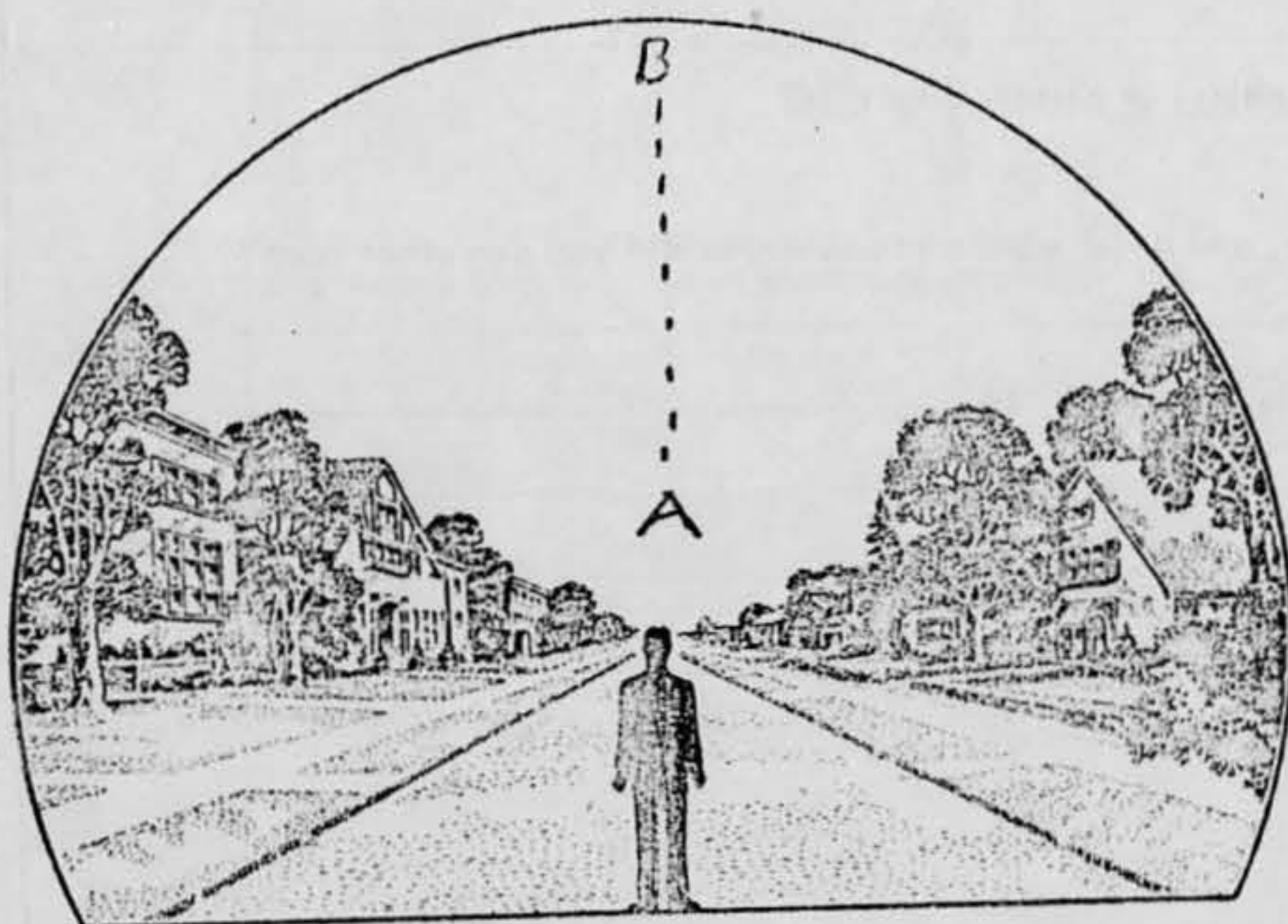
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

14 September 1959
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

It appeared that it might have been the bottom of some kind of rocket.

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(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE December 14, 1959

I was on my parents farm, about one and one half miles southeast of Hills Rock, Wisconsin. At about 1:00 clock central daylight saving time I went outside to pick some night crawlers for a fishing trip we had planned for the next day.

I was out there only about five minutes when all of a sudden there was such a loud noise out in the field it made my ears hurt. From then on the noise was pulsating. It seemed to stay right there in the field for a few seconds, and then it started to rise up. At this point I looked up and I saw the object. It appeared like the bottom side of a craft, going straight up. It was a large yellowish round ring of light. ~~It was~~ It was a large yellowish round ring of light with eight very bright blue lights just inside the yellow ring, just inside the ring of blue lights where a ring of red lights much larger than the blue lights. The red lights

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

10,800 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

PAPER MAKER.

Age

27

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

✓

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

b. High school

✓

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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seemed to flare up like a very hot exhaust.

The object went straight up until it was out of sight.
It took about two minutes from the time I first heard
the noise until the object went out of sight.

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F. (1)

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FINAL PART OF THREE PARTS

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YORK AIR FORCE

G. (1) UNK

(2) 340'-10KTS 250'-5KTS 280'-5KTS

250'-15KTS 250'-20KTS 250'-45KTS

270'-20KTS UNKN

(3) NONE

(4) 10 MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. NONE

L. NONE

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- a. Milco Huntlite lantern battery container with switch.
- b. Steel pipe (threaded both ends) 2½ inches long, 1 3/4 inches diameter.
- c. Eight Ray-C-Vac flashlight batteries (four in the battery container). Batteries outside of the container were covered with electrical tape.
- d. Two mercury switches.
- e. Tiny atom, $\frac{1}{2000}$ horsepower electric motor (Wilson's of Cleveland).
- f. Transformer (Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation, Boonton, N. J.)
- g. Flashlight bulb and socket with red plastic cover.
- h. Three antenna like extensions (approximately 5½ inches long).

6. The batteries, mercury switches, electric motor, and bulb were all wired; however, the electric motor was not connected mechanically to anything. The antenna and transformer were not a part of the circuit. The only electric function of this item is the operation of the flashing red light, and running the little electric motor.

7. Wilson's of Cleveland, manufacturers of the tiny atom electric motor, was contacted by telephone. Mr. [REDACTED] of that company informed Major Friend that they do not have a contract to supply the U. S. Government with these motors. It was also pointed out by Mr. Greenwald that one of their chief outlets for these motors are hobby shops.

8. In view of the relatively great weight, absence of any transmitter or meteorological equipment, and the inaccessability and overall lack of an obvious productive function, this object is ruled out as a Rawinsonde or any device used by the government.

9. All evidence indicates that this object was not airborne or flying at any time. An object weighing twelve pounds would, upon falling to earth from any appreciable altitude, have left an impression that would have been worth special mention in the reports of Major Hatten and Captain Trombley. Further indication that the object had not fallen was the fact that the light bulb and its red plastic cover were found intact.

10. It is AFIC's opinion that this object and the explosion were all part of a hoax. The red light, flashed by mercury switches, was put on to help attract attention, while the whirring of the little electric motor was to create further mystery for the finder. Happening as it did, at the beginning of the school year, this was probably the prank of college students.

11. The Electronic Technology Laboratory and the Aerial Reconnaissance Laboratory of WADC assisted with the evaluation of this object.

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

4 Atch:

1. Drawing of Obj
2. Cy Rpt by Maj Hatten
3. Cy Rpt by Capt Trombley
4. Cy Rpt of Explosion

FRICK PARK AREA, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
15 September 1959

On 15 September 1959 the Pittsburgh police investigated a reported explosion in the Frick Park area of the city. The explosion was reported to have occurred at 2400 on 14 September 1959. During the investigation the police discovered an unidentified object in the area of the reported explosion. The object was conically shaped, and the body was of polyethylene plastic, yellow in color. Three wires appearing like an antenna protruded from the top just below a red light. Attached to the side was a "U" bolt with two feet of 1/4" cable attached to it with 1/2" bolts. The weight of the object was twelve pounds. The object was burned around the edge of the base.

During inspection of the object attempts were made to open it without destroying it, but this proved impossible. Under the plastic coat, which averaged 1/2" in thickness, was a thin sheet of aluminum with the same general contours. Contained in the aluminum were the following items, all embedded in a glue-like substance which was used to fill the interior:

- a. Hilco Huntlite lantern battery container with switch.
- b. Steel pipe (threaded both ends) 2 1/2" long and 1 3/4" diameter.
- c. Eight Ray-O-Vac flashlight batteries (four in the battery container).
- d. Two mercury switches.
- e. Tiny atom 1/2000 horsepower electric motor (Wilson's of Cleveland).
- f. Transformer (Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation, Boonton, N. J.).

The batteries, mercury switches, electric motor, and light bulb were all wired; however, the electric motor was not connected mechanically to anything. The antenna and transformer were not a part of the circuit.

Wilson's of Cleveland, manufacturers of the tiny atom electric motor, when contacted concerning the motor indicated that their chief outlets were hobby shops.

In view of the relatively great weight, inaccessability, overall lack of any productive function, and crudeness this object is ruled out as a device designed to collect atmospheric data.

All evidence indicates that this object was not airborne at any time. An object weighing twelve pounds would, upon falling to earth from any appreciable altitude, have left an impression in the ground which would have been noticed during investigation. Further indication that the object had not fallen was the fact that the light bulb and fragile plastic cover were found intact.

It is the Air Force conclusion that this object and the explosion were all part of a hoax. The red light, flashed by mercury switches, and the whirring of the little electric motor were designed to create further mystery for the finder. Since this incident happened at the beginning of the school term, this was probably a prank of college students.